

Over the years, the Sugar Notch community grew and thrived. It contributed not just to Pennsylvania, but also to the entire nation, sending many soldiers to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. In 1948, the borough displayed its dedication to its servicemembers by erecting a memorial bearing the names of local war heroes. It was the first memorial in the U.S. to honor the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the unveiling of the memorial drew more than 4,000 attendees, as well as former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

This year, the borough of Sugar Notch celebrates its 150th Anniversary, recognizing its long record of history and service. The event will be marked by a reenactment of the dedication of the FDR Memorial, and the publication of a commemorative booklet that will no doubt pass on the borough's story to future generations. I am honored to represent Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania and take great pride in the borough's history, success, and sense of community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the borough of Sugar Notch's 150th Anniversary.

**HONORING MRS. EMMA L. KERN  
BLACK ON THE OCCASION OF  
HER 80TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 25, 2017*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Emma L. Kern Black on the occasion of her 80th birthday, which was celebrated on January 8, 2017.

Emma was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi to Mr. Jimmy and Manella Kern in 1937. Graduating as valedictorian of her high school in 1955, Emma went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree from Jackson State College and receive her Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1965. During her time in college, Emma became a member of organizations such as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Sunday School Organization and the Who's Who in Colleges and Universities.

With a love for education, Emma began her career as a third grade teacher at Oak Park Elementary School in Laurel, Mississippi in 1959 until 1964. Emma went on to serve in the Broward County Public School System as a primary early childhood education specialist until her retirement in 1995. During her career, Emma collaborated and led multiple educational projects and served on student and teacher evaluation teams representing the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Emma additionally was an adjunct professor at Nova University of Broward County.

As an active member of First Baptist Church Piney Grove in Fort Lauderdale, Emma served as organizer, musician and director of the Junior Choir for 26 years and Sunday School teacher and musician for over 40 years. This dedication and devotion resulted in her being recognized with the "Women in Religion" award by the Broward County Chapter of Charmettes, Inc. in 2002. Emma's community activities involve: The Lakeside Homeowners Association; the Board of Adjustment for the City of Oakland; Rock Island Elementary

School Improvement Team; the Broward County School Readiness Coalition; the Cradle Nursey Boards of Director; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); the Urban League of Broward County; as well as being a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumni Chapter of Fort Lauderdale; a member of the Jackson State University Alumni Association; and Broward County Retired Teachers Association.

After more than 40 years of public service, Emma enjoys traveling domestically and internationally with her husband Dr. Malcolm Black, whom she met the first night of college at a freshmen gathering on campus.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the great privilege of knowing Mrs. Emma Kern Black for many years. I am so happy to be able to honor her on the occasion of her 80th birthday, and wish her many more years of happiness and success.

**TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MR. IRWIN  
STOVROFF**

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 25, 2017*

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable man who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of veterans.

Irwin Stovroff, originally from Buffalo, NY, was shot down over France in August of 1944, during his last mission as a Bombardier with the 44th Bomb Group during World War II. Upon parachuting down to safety, Stovroff landed in Nazi-occupied territory. Fearing the Nazis would discover his Jewish roots, Stovroff removed his dog tags before his capture. Upon capture, Stovroff was recognized by one of the Nazi interrogators from his hometown in New York. In fact, Stovroff had been the Nazi interrogator's newspaper boy. Fortunately, the Nazi interrogator saved his life by putting a "question mark" on his records.

After liberation from the Nazi POW camp, Stovroff returned to the United States where he finished his education, married, and started a family. He led a successful post-military career in furniture, but at the age of 75, began to volunteer at a VA Medical Center in South Florida.

While working over the years to get our veterans the benefits and care they so deserve, Stovroff noticed that the Department of Veterans Affairs does not receive any funding to provide service dogs to veterans. Knowing the great benefit that service dogs can have on the rehabilitation of veterans, he was determined to change that.

In 2006, at the age of 84, Stovroff launched Vets Helping Heroes, an organization dedicated to financing the acquisition and training of service dogs for wounded veterans and active duty military personnel. Along with his board of directors and donors, Stovroff has now raised over \$4.5 million to pay for trained service dogs for more than 400 wounded veterans.

As Mr. Stovroff continues to help and change the lives of veterans, it is my hope that he feels a deep sense of accomplishment and pride for the outstanding contributions he

has made to our veterans and military. I believe I can speak on behalf of our country in thanking him for his extraordinary efforts.

**CELEBRATING THE KEYSTONE JOB  
CORPS CENTER'S 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY**

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 25, 2017*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to recognize the Keystone Job Corps on its 50th Anniversary.

For the past 50 years, the Keystone Job Corps Center has helped young people in Pennsylvania's 11th District realize their potential through work training and continued education. Keystone, and its dedicated faculty, make it possible for students to find their path forward—whether that be immediately entering the workforce, or through other higher education opportunities.

But Keystone's investment in its students does not stop there. The center teaches students how to be active members of their communities. I witnessed this firsthand when I was Mayor of Hazleton. I saw Keystone students work tirelessly to restore old sidewalks around City Hall. They even took part in a downtown beautification project—designing trash receptacles that are admired to this day. They continue to participate in the United Way's annual Thanksgiving Dinner and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

In a similar way, the Hazleton area community gives back to Keystone. Keystone has a strong relationship with the Butler Township Police Department—one that has been ongoing for the past five decades. Officers will come to campus to talk to students interested in a career in security, and discuss the rewards of being in law enforcement. Local church leaders will come to the center to give students a chance to talk to someone if something is bothering them. Retired members of the community will drop by to tutor students. I've even been able to provide Keystone students with a unique insight into our nation's political process through internships in my offices here in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. Keystone has become a staple in the Hazleton area community—something that is clearly seen in the partnerships it has developed.

As someone who grew up in Hazleton, I am eternally grateful for the work the center does on behalf of its students and our community. As a Member of Congress and as the Republican Chair of the Congressional Job Corps Caucus, I commend Keystone and its faculty for working every day to change the course of a young person's life through engagement and education. I congratulate the Keystone Job Corps Center on all it has accomplished in the last 50 years, and I wish its staff, faculty, and students all the best throughout the next 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Keystone Job Corps on its 50th Anniversary.